

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are now pending in the application. The only amendment in the present submission is to drawing Figure 2. Support for such amendment can be found at least in the equivalent part number 214 shown in drawing Figure 3 and in the specification as filed at paragraph [0041]. In short, part number 214 was added to Figure 2.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities. Applicants have attached revised drawings for the Examiner's approval. In the "Replacement Sheet" part number 214 was added to Figure 2.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The action required election between Species 1, pertaining to a fuel processing system, and Species 2, a fuel processing system comprising a fuel cell. In addition, it was required that additional election must be made to one Species A-D, respectively, pertaining to Figures 1-4.

By this present response, general Species 1, pertaining to a fuel processing system and Species B, corresponding to Figure 2, are hereby elected. Accordingly, Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 correspond to and are readable on species of Figure 2.

Applicant respectfully submits that no undue burden is placed upon examination of Claims 13-27 corresponding to a system which further comprises a fuel cell. See, for


example, Claim 8 in the grouping of elected subject matter and Claim 13, not elected due to the Office Action requirement.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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